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**NEWS SUMMARY: Milwaukee Police Officer Pleads Guilty to Federal Charges**

The United States Attorney's Office announced today that Milwaukee Police Officer Ala W. Awadallah (DOB: 10/29/78) will plead guilty to a two-count indictment before Magistrate Judge Aaron E. Goodstein.

Awadallah will plead guilty to willfully depriving a Milwaukee citizen of "rights secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States." According to an information, during and after a traffic stop on February 11, 2005, Officer Awadallah conducted illegal searches and took \$200 in cash without probable cause and without placing the money in evidence. Officer Awadallah told the citizen that \$200 and drugs would be returned to the citizen if the citizen provided the officer with guns.

As part of the plea agreement, Awadallah also agreed to resign from the Milwaukee Police Department and not to ever seek reinstatement to the Milwaukee Police Department or a position as a police officer with any other police department.

"The charges allege a willful misuse of public position in order to deprive another of rights secured under the Constitution," said United States Attorney Steven Biskupic.

Awadallah faces up to two years in prison and \$200,000 in fines.

The case was investigated by the Milwaukee Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation; and was assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Mel Johnson.

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